

## COUNSELING TEMPORARILY MOVES ONLINE



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Counseling through Northwest Wellness Services has switched to online telehealth appointments to reduce the risk of its employees contracting COVID-19.

Nearly all appointments for counseling services were moved online Jan. 12 and temporarily will only offer online sessions.

Moving to an online service rather than an in-person meeting is at no extra cost to students or the University, and moving to telehealth is in effort to continue to see as many students as possible with a minimized risk of contracting COVID-19.

Due to rising COVID-19 cases in the county over the past few weeks, Northwest has been looking at data to determine what its next step will be when it comes to COVID-19 mitigation.

Assistant Vice President of Health and Well-Being Chris Dawe said the Wellness Center assessed what it could do to reduce risk for students and the Wellness Center and decided telehealth was a viable option.

"We believe that we can help to have less students coming in and out of the Wellness Center," Dawe said. "We have students spending significant amounts of time in enclosed space with a counselor, and then, you know, in comes the next student."

Though counseling has been moved to online only for the time being, all services are still available and free to all students.

"In many cases, you know, preferences are for those kinds of conversations to be in person. But the ability to manage risk for all of our students that we're serving, and, as well as our counselors and other staff, we felt like this was the best step right now," Dawe said.

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## Parson proposes pay raise for state workers

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Missouri Gov. Mike Parson has proposed a 5.5% pay raise increase for cost of living adjustments and a Missouri minimum wage of \$15 an hour for all state employees.

Missouri state employees are some of the lowest paid workers nationally, making \$11.15 an hour, and are experiencing high turnover rates and many empty spots, according to the Associated Press.

Some state positions are facing turnover rates anywhere from 10% to 100% and vacancy rates from 30% to 100%, according to the Governor's website.

At the beginning of the year, a 2% increase was already given for cost of living adjustments, but the proposed 5.5% increase would be on top of the original increase.

Northwest acknowledged this proposal in an email from President Jasinski summarizing the Jan. 7 all-employee meeting.

He said Northwest is expecting to receive increased funding from the state.

"Further, we're going to do what we can to ensure all of our employees are receiving a minimum wage of at least \$15 an hour as Gov. Mike Parson has suggested for all state employees," Jasinski said in the email.

Assistant Vice President of Finance Mary Collins said in an email to the Northwest Missourian that at this time, no decisions have been made about who this wage increase is going to be affecting, where the funding for it will come from, or how many people this increase is going to affect.

It is unclear at this time whether the proposed change would affect student employees at Northwest.

The Missouri House of Representatives Budget Committee heard from the Parson administration's budget director, Dan Haug, Jan. 11.

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## NORTHWEST MEN'S BASKETBALL



JON WALKER | NW MISSOURIAN

Northwest men's basketball junior guard Trevor Hudgins stares down Washburn senior guard Tyler Geiman during the No. 2 Bearcats' 71-63 win over the Ichabods Jan. 17 at Lee Arena in Topeka, Kansas.

## Hendrixes awarded for Diversity, Inclusion excellence



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In this submitted photo, Assistant Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett awards Mark and Ashlee Hendrix for their efforts in promoting diversity and inclusion at Northwest.

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Northwest's Office of Diversity and Inclusion honored two University employees Monday for their efforts to promote inclusivity on campus.

Mark Hendrix, University scheduling coordinator in Auxiliary Services, and Ashlee Hendrix, digital content manager in the Office of University Marketing and Communication, were presented with Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion Awards Jan. 17. Both employees were honored Monday at the conclusion of Northwest's annual Peace Lunch as part of the University's Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities.

Justin Mallett, assistant vice president of Diversity and Inclusion at Northwest, said Mark Hendrix is always will-

ing to help ensure students and their programs are successful.

"It doesn't matter if it's three days in advance. It doesn't matter if it's an hour before it's supposed to happen; (Mark Hendrix) always takes the necessary steps to make sure that students have what they need to pull off the program," Mallett said in a University media release.

Mallett said Ashlee Hendrix has helped to build a more inclusive community through her work in the Marketing and Communication Office and through the relationships she fosters with people of diverse backgrounds.

Ashlee Hendrix is an active member of the Ally Affinity Group, which looks to create safe spaces to share and process experiences.

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# Northwest to keep multiple options for snow day policy



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An estimated 6 inches of snow blanketed Maryville Jan. 14-15. Northwest has not announced any changes to its snow day policy from last year despite not purchasing Zoom software for the 2021-2022 school year.

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The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how we use technology. There was a huge digital surge as companies and schools used technology for communications and meetings, as well as other virtual activities. But when the pandemic entered the winter of 2021, universities and schools had a question to face in an age of online school: Should we still have snow days?

Lt. Amanda Cullin, One of the heads of Emergency Management, wrote in an email to the *Missourian* that snow day learning options will vary; whichever one will be the primary choice was left unspecified.

“Fortunately, we have options,” Cullin said in the email. “Remote (synchronous, like Zoom) and online (asynchronous, like Canvas) learning continue to be options.”

Although for the 2021-2022 school year, Zoom is not required for the University.

The same platforms are used whenever students or staff are in isolation or quarantine as a result of COVID-19.

“The pros of learning options are Northwest’s continued ability to adapt to the situation, in this case, incremental weather,” Cullin said in the email. “We can focus on the safety of our community considering winter weather precipitation, freezing temperatures and changing road conditions.”

This decision is somewhat similar to what other Missouri schools and universities have done.

Last year, the University of Missouri-Kansas City, the largest college within Kansas City, made the switch to remote learning on snow days. Truman State University also adopted this policy last year.

With several more weeks of winter ahead of us, Cullin wants the student body to know that it’s best to have a plan and remember University resources, such as the Bearcat Food Pantry and Safe Ride.

# County breaks COVID-19 record again

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A mere week after Nodaway County set a COVID-19 record for cases, it had done it yet again.

Seventy-two individuals in Nodaway County tested positive for COVID-19 Jan. 17, breaking the previous record of 71 set Jan. 10 and continuing the trend for Monday highs, locally. The county also has the most active cases, 235, since Dec. 8, 2020. The county also passed the 5,000 total COVID-19 case mark Jan. 14.

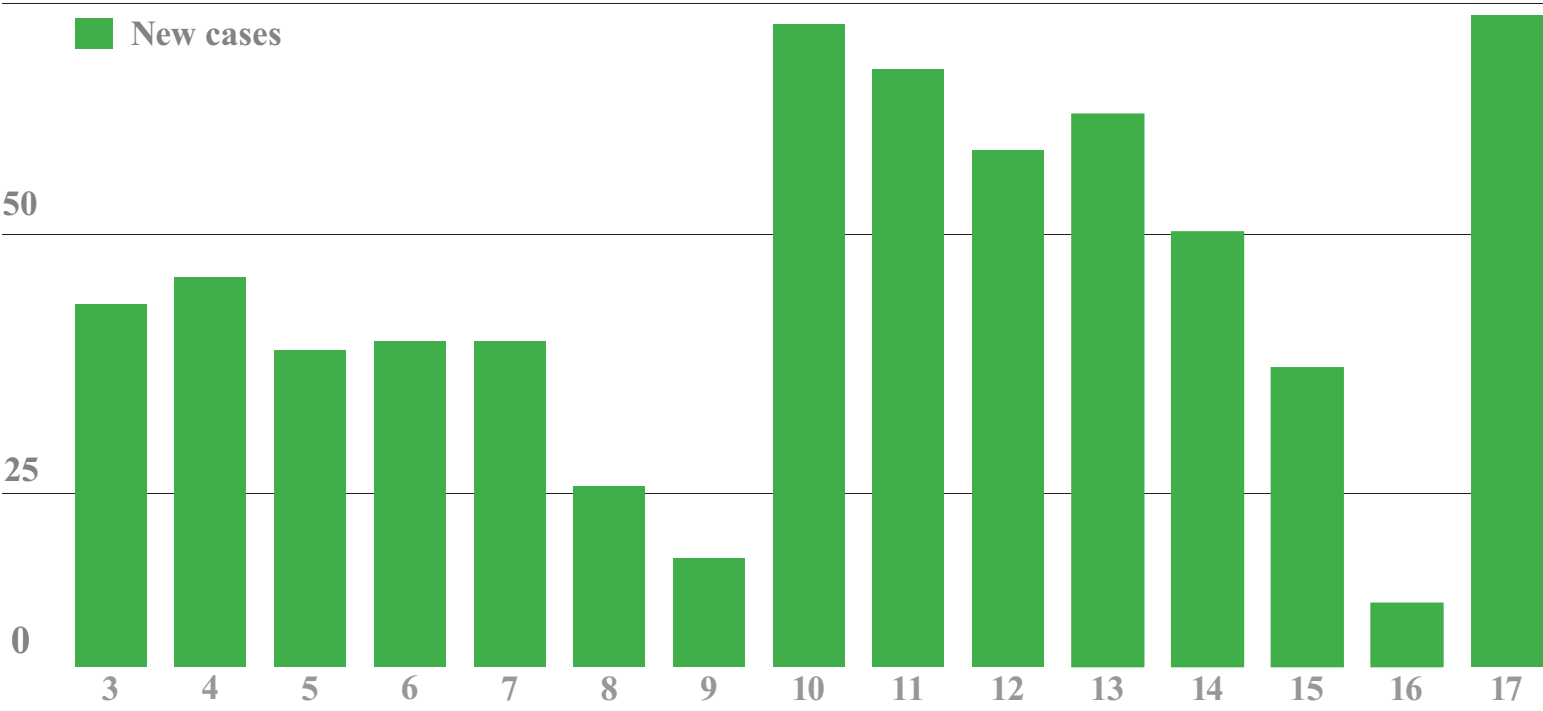
“We are kind of holding in this pattern,” Tom Patterson, administrator at the Nodaway County Health Department, said.

“You know, if we have 50 cases, there might be 400 we don’t know about,” Patterson said.

Cases at Northwest have increased at a similar rate. The University accounts for nearly 27% of cases in the county, according to the most recent data available at the time of publication.

Once again, Nodaway County is not alone in its recent spike; Missouri’s seven-day rolling average for virus cases has jumped up 332% since last month. The U.S. has been averaging over 750,000 new virus cases per day over the last week. Dr. Vivek Murtht, U.S. surgeon general, said the omi-

TRACKING COVID-19: NEW DAILY CASES IN COUNTY UP TO JAN. 17



SOURCE: NODAWAY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT GRAPHIC BY MAKAYLA POLAK DESIGN EDITOR

cron peak has likely not been reached yet in the country.

Nate Blackford, president of Mosaic - Maryville, said the spike is continuing to plague staff at the hospital and in the Mosaic system.

“We have difficulty finding beds. So, that fact remains true and is of huge concern, but we are not seeing the corresponding demand for hospital services that we might have expected with the same increase in volumes, if that makes sense,” Blackford said.

Although hospital rates have risen with the spike in cases, they have not risen to rates equal to those seen under the alpha or delta variant, Blackford said. Studies still show vaccinated individuals are much less likely to contract severe cases of COVID-19 or possibly die from the virus than their unvaccinated counterparts.

The recent influx in cases is also affecting supplies that help treat COVID-19 patients. Missouri limited the supply of monoclonal antibody infusions due to high demand and a steadily decreasing number of infusions available, forcing the hospital to reevaluate who receives them and look at other avenues for treatment.

Early indications show the infusions are less effective on the omicron variant than previous variants. In the past, as many

as three monoclonal antibodies have helped patients suffering from COVID-19. Only one monoclonal antibody has been shown to be effective against the omicron variant.

To help combat other supply shortages related to COVID-19, president Joe Biden’s administration has pledged to distribute free N95 masks and tests to the general population. Biden’s plan calls for the distribution of 400 million N95 masks from the U.S.’ Strategic National Stockpile.

“At the end of the day, a lot of cases are spread by droplets, and masks prevent droplets. They prevent you from spitting on each other, and that’s what we’re talking about,” Patterson said.

“Right now is the time to be smart; right now is the time to practice proper precautions,” Patterson said.

The United States Postal Service launched a website Jan. 19, [www.COVIDtests.gov](https://www.COVIDtests.gov), where people can sign up to receive free COVID-19 tests at their door. The tests are expected to begin shipping in late January. The limit is four per residential address.

Patterson said that with the spike locally, this could be vital in getting people the information they need. There may be an issue of self reporting, he said.

Amid the omicron spike, Missouri Attorney Gen. Eric Schmitt doubled down on his statements about school districts and mask mandates initially made at the end of 2021. Schmitt said in a written statement Jan. 18 that he would take “school district after school district to court” over mask mandates. Schmitt has already announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate seat of Republican Roy Blunt in 2022. Blunt is not running for reelection.

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# Local food pantries battle shortages

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Winter is never an easy time of the year for the less fortunate. The cold temperatures lead to higher heat and energy bills, and thus less money for food. This year is no different for Nodaway County as the First United Methodist Church's food pantry enters the new year, which can prove to be a greater struggle with COVID-19.

Maryville First United Methodist Church's food pantry Director Merlin Atkins recalled the pantry's lack of consumers when the pandemic started.

"We got so much food part of the time. It was hard for us to get it out there because a lot of it was fresh food," he said. "But we threw very little of it away."

Atkins has been the food pantry director for 10 years and has helped with the food pantries in Nodaway County since they started up 23 years ago. Atkins said the church's food pantry serves 130-145 families monthly.

Other churches in the area serve another 100 families, and the food drive, which sees peo-

ple pick up food just as it arrives at the church from their cars, serves 180-190 families monthly, he said. All of this adds up to a lot of donated food coming out of the churches' food drive.

"We give roughly 4,000 pounds of food out each month," Atkins said. "So, between everything, we give out over 500,000 pounds of food each year."

The food pantry saw a significant drop in numbers last year. Atkins said 2022 could prove to be a difficult year for those in need due to rising prices and inflation. This will lead to an increase in people being served, as money will have to go to more essential things, such as childcare.

Atkins said the food pantry is lucky and blessed for all the help they receive from supporters and workers to help it serve low-income families.

"I like how Nodaway County is very, very, very lucky because we've got volunteers anywhere we do something," he said. "As far as I know, we'll continue to serve Nodaway County until the program is dropped."



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Volunteers Tracy Stone and Gary Weese sort through bread donations in the food pantry of the Ministry Center.

# Northwest alumnus awards three scholarships at MLK Peace Brunch

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Northwest alumnus Karen Daniel awarded three scholarships from the Karen Daniel Legacy Fund at the MLK Peace Brunch Jan. 17. The three scholarships were received by Darren Ross, Carlyn Carpenter and Mayowa Omolade.

Daniel established the fund in 2020 with plans to advocate for racial equality and social justice, as well as to enforce Northwest's goal of increasing Black student academic and social experiences to obtain a college degree.

Ross, a sophomore majoring in computer science, received the \$5,000 Claudia Daniel Trailblazer Leadership scholarship.

"I was astounded. I had high hopes because I performed well this semester and did a lot of community building things for myself and here in the DI Office. And I noticed a lot of people, in terms of faculty and staff, were looking at me about stuff about being inclusive, being profound about pushing out ideas, and being a part of everything," Ross said.

Ross said receiving the scholarship meant a great deal to him,

and he felt that his hard work had finally paid off because he said the acts that people do in class and school often go unnoticed.

"When I found out that I had received it, I was astounded because that means less stress for me to worry about and my parents have to worry about," Ross said.

Carpenter, a junior majoring in early childhood education, received the \$5,000 Alyce Cummins Future Educator scholarship.

"I was very excited. It was a relief honestly, to know that I was gonna basically have the rest of my college years paid for, and it was really an honor," Carpenter said.

Carpenter said the scholarship provides a reprieve in financial stress, and she also gets to focus the money that she's making now into her future endeavors.

"What I want to do is own my own childcare center, and in order to do that, I have to save because that's an investment. So I get to focus more towards goals that I want to do after college versus doing things for college," Carpenter said.

Mayowa is a senior majoring in international business. He received the \$5,000 Karen Daniel Leadership Scholarship.

"This scholarship means a lot to me. Firstly, it shows that my academic and extracurricular activities are seen and appreciated, and it also shows the spirit of giving back," Omolade said. "The scholarship was given by an alumnus because she saw the need for minority students to have a good balance of both academic and extracurricular activities, and you cannot achieve both if you do not have your tuition paid."

The three scholarships were awarded for the first time this year. Ross said he hopes they can provide hope and opportunity to many minority students in the future.

"Be who you need to be and focus up in class because it can pay off, and it will pay off in the end. Don't think that just because 'Oh, I have a 4.0 and I'm doing all of this and no one notices.' People are watching you. Faculty are watching you. Staff are watching you," Ross said. "I'm very grateful that I was the first recipient, but I also want to press the message that I hope to not be the only one. I want to set an example that this is possible for us, and anybody in the future can definitely get this as well."



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Carlyn Carpenter, Karen Daniel, Darren Ross and Mayowa Omolade pose after Daniel awarded the three students with \$5,000 scholarships from the Karen Daniel Legacy Fund at the MLK Peace Brunch.

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Secretary Chloe Kallhoff, Vice President Hunter Grantham, President Bailey Hendrickson and Treasurer Jenna Lee-Johnson welcome back student senators as they begin the first meeting of the spring semester. Several senators were missing due to COVID-19.

# Senate starts semester with empty seats

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The first Student Senate meeting of the spring semester left the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom less populated due to senators being out because of COVID-19 and vacant representative seats.

“I know Covid is not going through Senate, but we have a lot of people gone tonight because of Covid,” Secretary Chloe Kallhoff said.

Despite missing members, Senate continued with announcing all it has planned for the upcoming weeks, along with taking nominations for new representatives.

After the end of last semester, Student Senate was left with three open representative spots to be filled: senior class representative, sophomore class representative and an on-campus representative.

President Bailey Hendrickson asked senators for nominees for each representative spot, and Senate will choose who will fill each open position at the next meeting.

Though Senate lost a few members before the beginning of this semester, it also

welcomed two new people to hold committee chair positions.

Kaylee Snowardt took over of the vacant co-chair position for the Governmental Affairs Committee and Joe Connelly took over the co-chair position for the Student Affairs Committee.

After announcing the new positions, Hendrickson said Senate is competing against Missouri Western State University and sponsoring a campus-wide food drive from Jan. 3 to Feb. 3 to see which university can bring in the most donations.

All donations for the food drive will go to the Bearcat Food Pantry. To contribute to the food drive, all donations can be dropped off in a bin outside of the Student Senate Chambers on the third floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

Hendrickson said Missouri Western is currently ahead in the amount of canned food that has been donated, but she has reached out to people on the basketball team, Residential Life and more to get them involved in the competition.

The winner will be announced at the Feb.

5 Northwest basketball game against Missouri Western in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Student Senate will also be hosting a blood drive from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Feb. 16 and 17 with the Community Blood Center.

Civic Service Chair Joseph Etheridge said that one of the contacts at the Community Blood Center said three of the center’s blood drives have been canceled, so Etheridge stressed the importance of participation in the blood drive.

**Other Student Senate Business:**

- Student Senate will be sending four senators to the Missouri Governor’s Conference Feb. 25-27 in Jefferson City.
- Senate is still accepting Rollover Budget applications. The application is available to students and organizations in Presence under the “Forms” tab.
- Student Affairs Committee announced the plan to have a social media giveaway on the Student Senate social media accounts along with a bingo and possible trivia night.
- Student Activities Council announced the spring concert will be April 8. SAC has yet to announce who will be performing.

## CRIME LOG

for the week of Jan. 20

### Northwest Missouri State University Police Department

**Jan. 16**  
There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation in Millikan Hall.

There is a closed investigation for a liquor law violation in Franken Hall.

**Jan. 15**  
**Alyna M. Thibault**, 21, was involved in a single-car accident on College Park Drive.

**Jan. 12**  
There was an accident between **Alexys Anderson**, 19, and **Macy Boydston**, 20, in Parking Lot 10.

### Maryville Police Department

**Jan. 16**  
A summons was issued to **Blake H. Miller**, for driving while intoxicated, a minor in possession and failure to obey a traffic signal on the 400 block of North Main Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for a lost or stolen license plate on the 31000 block of Sunset Drive.

There was an accident between **Casey J. Groom**, 19, and **Shane B. Rhoades**, 20, on West Ninth Street and North Mulberry Street.

**Jan. 15**  
There is an ongoing investigation for a domestic disturbance on the 200 block of West 16th Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for harassment on the 300 block of Volunteer Avenue.

There was an accident between **Christian B. Chastain**, 26, and **David M. Chesnut**, 55, on the 300 block of South Country Club Road.

**Jan. 14**  
A summons was issued to **Ryan A. Muskeyvalley**, 36, for failure to appear in court on the 400 block of North Market Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for harassment on the 300 block of East Summit Drive.

## COUNSELING

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Online services are not unknown to the counseling staff. Online counseling sessions became available in March 2020 in response to the pandemic when services went online and have been an option for students ever since. Assistant Director of Wellness Services - Counseling Kristen Peltz said that because of the shift nearly two years ago, the counselors are familiar with the telehealth service.

“We learned a lot about best practice and how to continue offering counseling, even when they couldn’t be on campus,” she said. “We discovered things we needed to adjust and also what worked well.”

Despite meetings being moved to online telehealth sessions, Dawe said most counselors are not moving to work-from-home positions and will still be working in their offices at the Wellness Center.

He said that even though they will be working in their offices, online meetings are going to provide ways for counselors to adapt to continue to see students as COVID-19 continues to impact the county.

“Our counselors are also dealing with Covid, whether that’s family, children in school and those kinds of things,” he said. “It gives the flexibility to be able to also continue those services if they can’t be here on site.”

Peltz said some students chose to continue with telehealth services even when they were able to see counselors face to face.

“Now that telehealth has been introduced across multiple settings and people are familiar with it, we know telehealth won’t go away,” Peltz said. “Making it work for this campus and our students is the goal.”

## AWARDS

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“By openly sharing about growing up in a Hispanic household, attending a predominantly white institution and finding her identity as a woman of color, she has helped many become aware of and understand the lived experiences

of people of color,” Mallett said.

Mark and Ashlee Hendrix joined Northwest in 2016 and 2015, respectively. The two are married and traveled to Cancun, Mexico, for vacation following the Peace Lunch.

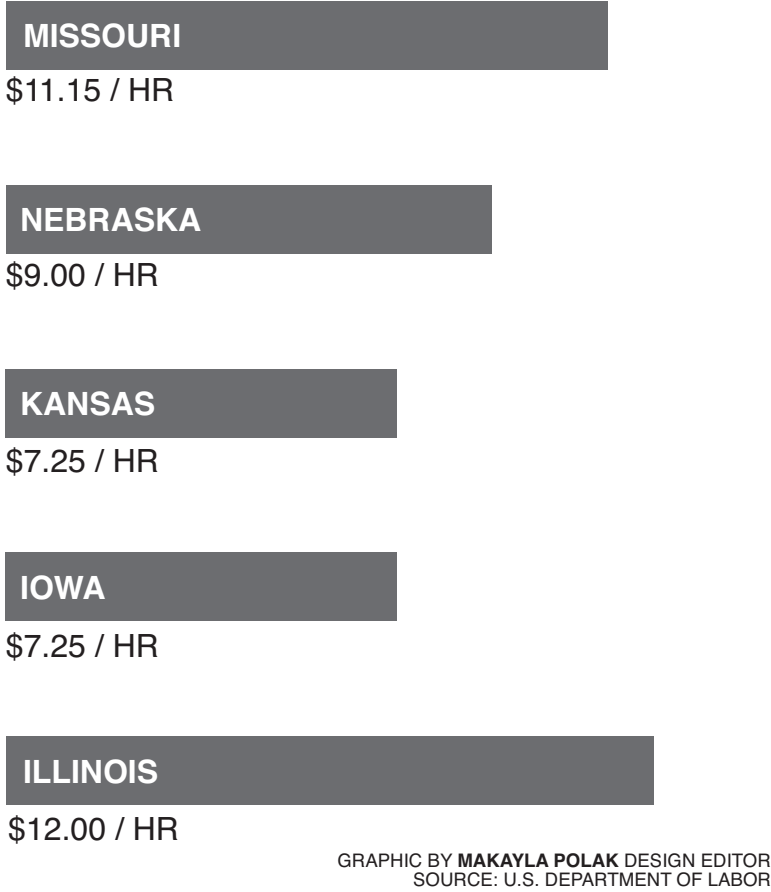
“Receiving this award just touches my heart,” Ashlee Hendrix said. “The work the (Diver-

sity and Inclusion Office) is doing is changing lives, and that’s something that I want to be a part of. I’m always more than happy to support that office in any way I can — it’s so important to the mission of Northwest.”

Northwest’s MLK Celebration Week continued with a presentation by Rev. Sharon Washing-

ton Risher Jan. 18 at The Station. Rev. Risher, who was scheduled to give the keynote address at Monday’s Peace Lunch but sustained a travel delay, shared the experience of losing her mother in the June 17, 2015, shooting at the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

## MIDWEST MINIMUM WAGE BY STATE



## WAGES

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According to a House media release, Haug said Missouri needs to take action amid rapid changes in the labor market.

“We’re getting to the point where if we have more vacancies and turnovers, we’re not going to be able to operate our state facilities,” Haug said in the release.

Haug said some facilities with staff shortages, such as prisons and mental health facilities, have resorted to forced overtime to fill shifts.

Parson’s plan is projected to take place Feb. 1 but needs approval from state lawmakers. As of Jan. 18, the House Budget Committee has not voted on the bill, House Bill 3014, which includes the proposed plan.

If the proposal is approved, the increase would cost \$91 million for the rest of the 2022 fiscal year ending in June, according to the Associated Press. The next year would cost \$218 million, and more than half the funding would come from general state revenues and the rest from other funding sources.

FOR THE CULTURE:

# I joined a NPHC fraternity over IFC



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In the fall of 2021, I joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., the first intercollegiate historically Black fraternity. To some of my friends, it came as a surprise. To others, it was a no-brainer. Either way, I chose to join a National Pan-Hellenic Council organization for more than just a sense of belonging.

I remember attending a Greek meet and greet my freshman year, and as soon as I neared the Memorial Bell Tower, Interfraternity Council organizations seized every opportunity to talk to me. They wore their best smiles, khakis and polos to convince me that their organization was the best to join. However, I was really never sold on any of them.

As a person of color, joining a brotherhood with people who can't quite understand the struggles I face on a regular basis didn't feel like the best decision for me. No disrespect to any IFC organizations, but none of them appealed to me. Personally, I wanted a brotherhood where I wouldn't feel like an outcast and we could utilize our similarities to accomplish a common goal.

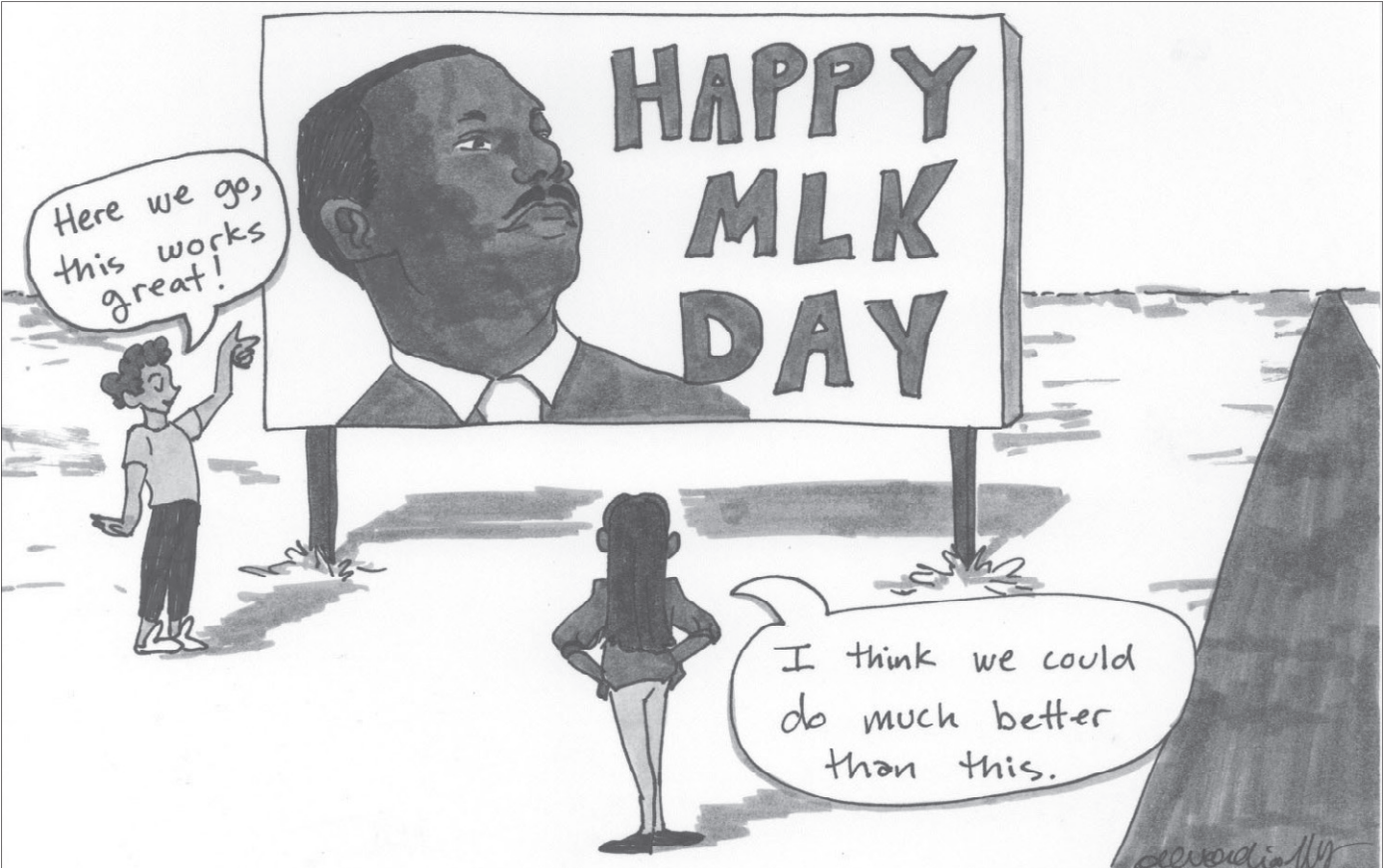
Before I started college and joined the Missourian, I knew I wanted to be involved in more than just track and field. I wanted to be part of an organization that works to build up the Black community, prioritizes education and truly cares for its brothers. After doing the necessary research and reflection, I knew Alpha Phi Alpha was what I wanted to join.

For background, my father and brother are Alphas, so I knew a little about the NPHC organizations, commonly known as the Divine Nine, growing up. Being exposed to that taught me that there's more to life than what you do in college. College is a pivotal point in anybody's life, but it's how you set yourself up for after graduation that matters most.

I've seen grown men take time out of their schedules to teach boys how to act like gentlemen. I've seen drives that give food, clothes and other necessities to those in need. A more personal example is when my brother traveled to Monroe, Louisiana, to get his master's degree, and fellow Alphas in the area helped him find a living situation while his classes started. The examples only continue.

Now, I'm not writing this as an invitation to join my organization. Not every man is an Alpha man, and not everyone has to join an NPHC organization. I simply want to point out that I joined one to do something more than what I felt that IFC does for people like me.

The Divine Nine is often overlooked, especially at predominately white institutions. People of color should take time to research the fraternities and sororities. Don't settle for what feels like the most mainstream path.



ALEXANDRIA MESZ | NW MISSOURIAN

OUR VIEW:

# MLK’s dream for equality transcends nation’s holiday

The words of Martin Luther King Jr. are quoted in innumerable motivational, educational and ceremonial venues. The late civil rights leader gave speeches that reverberate through today's media, especially his "I Have a Dream" speech. But, why does it feel like that's all he's done?

The U.S. celebrated King Jan. 17, and his legacy is relevant for recent years, or should be. Racial tensions reached new heights during the protests in the summer of 2020, and since then, they haven't died down. Calls for racial equity in the workplace, justice system and social atmospheres are just as prevalent as they were when King was leading marches.

"To understand the constant struggle that Dr. King went through in order to create equity and try to bring Black people to the forefront, I think that's important for us to understand and acknowledge," Assistant Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett said. "There's more to Dr. King than just the "I Have a Dream" speech, and I think we have to be able to understand what those things are and celebrate him in his true form."

King's legacy created a lot of opportunities for people of color and opened the eyes of some influential white people. Of course, he's known for his speeches, but people forget that he did more than speak to the people who believed in his cause. King met with presidents, lawmakers and many people who would do anything to keep him quiet.

The civil rights movement is described to last from 1954 to 1968, but it didn't end that year. In fact, it shouldn't ever be considered over. Not until everyone is equal, not just verbally.

The Northwest Missourian's Editorial Board believes that King's legacy should be celebrated more than it is. Unfortunately, Martin Luther King Jr. gets a similar treatment to Black History Month. When it's time to celebrate, all eyes are on said celebration. For the rest of the year, though, his name rarely makes an appearance.

Northwest's Office of Diversity and Inclusion does a good job of hosting events to celebrate and practice what King preached. A week's worth of events commemorating the leader while educating and encouraging the campus is vital in continuing the work he dedicated his life to.

People need to incorporate the message of the civil rights movement daily. It's one thing to acknowledge the accomplishments of an influential figure, but what is the point of those accomplishments if they didn't create change for the future? The purpose of MLK's speeches was to inspire change in future generations. Yes, a lot has changed in the U.S. since his death, but the job is far from done.

The rise in racial injustice awareness following the summer of 2020 was a modernized version of what MLK was doing. Social media was confronting racially charged issues in the U.S. and, at one point, highlighted the lack of education on such topics. Currently there's a debate on whether critical race theory needs to be taught in schools. Those who oppose critical race theory are the same people who are opposed to teaching the full history of the civil rights movement.

This country has done a good job of reserving days to acknowledge influential leaders, but that's not quite enough. If we truly want to commemorate trailblazers, we need to utilize the tools they gave us to advance society. MLK helped open the door to equality and inclusion; we just need to step through it.

YOUR VIEW:

## What does Martin Luther King Jr. mean to you?

BRE'NAIA HOLLINGER



"Someone who set a mold. Someone who gave people the motivation to speak out for something that they want badly, maybe for your color, maybe for something else."

SAMUEL MBURU



"An example to stand up for what you believe in and not be intimidated by others."

MARIA TROZZOLO



"A safe country for people, no matter where they are from."

THE STROLLER:

# Your Bearcat loves attendance policies

I will not be graduating Sumo Fort Lauderdale, and I truthfully don't care. Northwest requires a 2.0 to graduate, so that is what I'm shooting for.

It's the first full week of classes, and I have no shame in saying that I have already received an email about missing the first day of classes. Here is my tip to the professors – don't do that.

I get enjoyment out of my classmates seeing me in public and asking me if I am still enrolled in the class that we

share. The answer is always yes, but I don't care for attendance policies.

Attendance policies might be the singlemost annoying thing in college. I don't remember having a grade for it in high school. Now, I have to pay for my education and I am required to go, no chance.

I turn my assignments in, and I still pass the class – despite my third time enrolling in computers and info tech. No, I don't get an A, or

even a B for that matter, but hey, I'll still walk across the stage, eventually.

No shame to the 4.0 kids at this school – the ones who don't make it their only personality trait – because, go you. Personally, I would rather be watching Euphoria than sitting in my government class.

If my future employer is reading this, I promise I care about my job, just not school. I learn things here and there, but I can't wrap my head

around why it's important for me to take general earth science when I will never care about isobars – ever.

Give me a break. As long as I graduate, I am on track for my life. The 4.0 can go to someone else; please count me absent in your class for three weeks and don't email me about it. I am also aware that I was not there.

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That’s exactly what the Bearcats (16-1, 9-0 MIAA) did — made just enough shots. As much as it seemed like they’d make more than enough early on, that script quickly flipped.

Northwest used a 7-0 run to open the game before Washburn (10-7, 7-4 MIAA) got on the board courtesy of a 4-point play with roughly 15 minutes left in the first half.

Washburn’s drought in the first five minutes was in part due to Northwest’s stifling defense, led by redshirt-freshman guard Isaiah Jackson. The Ichabods’ star players, a guard tandem of senior Tyler Geiman and junior Jalen Lewis, were held scoreless until Geiman nailed a 3-point-er 13 minutes into the contest.

“It’s just a tough game. ... I feel like they were just really physical.”

- TREVOR HUDGINS

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“Coming in, we know what they did last year,” said Jackson, who finished with 4 points and seven rebounds. “We scouted them and knew they’re their main guys; we can’t let them get going.”

The duo, one that combines to average almost 27 points per game, wasn’t going to be on the floor without leaving its impact on the contest. Geiman and Lewis helped the Ichabods climb back into the game on the offensive end, and a 2-minute, 25-second scoring drought from Northwest helped Washburn make it a 3-point game (27-24) with four minutes left until the break.

Hudgins, who eventually finished with a game-high 26 points — the 62nd 20-point game of his tenure at Northwest — was often flustered and frustrated by the Ichabods’ defensive scheme. Washburn knew Hudgins was going to be a focal point of the Bearcats’ game, just as he has been in every other game this season.

Hudgins, the reigning MIAA and Division II Player of the Year, was limited to 3-of-12 from the field in the first half and 9-of-23 in his 40 minutes of action.

“They’re gonna try to get in close to me and have hands on me. I mean, I like it,” Hudgins said of Washburn’s defenders. “It’s just a tough game. I’m just a competitor. I’m just competing out there. If you see me make a face, I’m just competing. I feel like they were just really physical.”

It was the typical Northwest-Washburn game that fans have grown accustomed to seeing as of late — with the exception of last season’s regional semifinal — and that meant the back-and-forth battle from the first half was sure to carry over to the second.

It did. Briefly.

The two teams traded scores before the Bearcats jumped out to a 42-32 lead, but it didn’t take long for Washburn to make it a mere 4-point advantage for Northwest.

With a 47-43 lead and the ball, the ‘Cats were trying to get a bucket to go, which would’ve halted a 9-2 run from the Ichabods.

But with the shot clock dwin-

dling down, Northwest sophomore forward Luke Waters passed up a wide-open shot from beyond the arc and passed it to Hudgins, who had no choice but to try a buzzer-beating heave from near half court. It missed, and Northwest sophomore forward Wes Dreamer was in Waters’ face with words of encouragement almost immediately.

Walking back toward the Bearcats’ bench due to a timeout on the floor, Waters was soon met by McCollum, who just wanted him to have the confidence to shoot the ball.

“I didn’t say it that nicely,” McCollum said through a laugh.

Waters did what he was asked to do — however nicely McCollum put it — and wasted little time doing so.

On the Bearcats’ first possession following the timeout, Waters crept over to the right wing, where he stepped into and drained his first and only 3-point-er of the contest. That shot was the catalyst for Northwest to go on an 11-1 run en route to a game-best 14-point lead that was built by back-to-back 3-pointers from Hudgins following Waters’ triple.

But regardless of what the Ichabods did for the remainder of the contest, despite getting as close as 5 points with roughly five minutes left in regulation, it wasn’t enough — even if they held Northwest to 44.4% from the field, a figure that snaps a 10-game stretch in which the Bearcats shot 50% or better.

“I think the way they defend makes it really difficult for us,” McCollum said. “It’s a weird matchup for us. They’re super physical, then they really attack the ball when you drive.”

Now, with their 14th straight win in hand, the Bearcats will travel to play MIAA foe Central Oklahoma Jan. 20 in Edmond, Oklahoma, for the second installment in their three-game road trip.

Northwest was able to have an easy slate with the Bronchos last season, defeating them both times, including a 104-72 triumph in the semifinals of the MIAA Tournament. This year is different, though, as Central (15-2, 10-1 MIAA) will enter the contest on the heels of an 11-game win streak.

“I think they’re just really, really good, offensively. They’ve got a lot of talent,” McCollum said. “Probably the most talented team in the league — just top to bottom, got a ton of it. We’ll have our hands full, that’s for sure.”

Pettlon’s game-winner against East Buch snaps losing stretch

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With 15 seconds remaining in Maryville girls basketball’s matchup with East Buchanan Jan. 18, the Spoofhounds were on the brink of losing their fourth game in a row. Bulldogs sophomore guard Hilary Elifits eyed the north basket at the Hound Pound before sinking a triple to give East Buchanan a 50-49 advantage.

The home fans held their breath until junior guard Anastyn Pettlon received the inbounds pass and sprinted down the court and heaved a last-ditch layup to end the Spoofhounds’ losing skid.

The ball danced on the rim before falling through the nylon, causing the crowd to erupt. And as the ball bounced away from the Bulldogs in the final seconds, the ‘Hounds earned a 51-50 victory.

“It was interesting because we were so focused on Gracie (Kelsey),” Pettlon said about Elifits’ late 3-pointer. “(Elifits) stepped up and banked it in. I had to take it down, and I made it, I guess.”

Despite downplaying her team-high 24 points and game-winning shot, Pettlon and the ‘Hounds (8-6) rode an emotional rollercoaster up until, and including, the layup.

Issues arose for Maryville in a couple areas, one of which being foul trouble. At the end of the first quarter, standout junior forward Rylee Vierthaler had two fouls. However, it didn’t keep the team from taking an early 17-13 lead. After she tallied her third foul of the first half, sophomore forward Ava Dumke did her best to fill the void Vierthaler left on the court.

“Rylee has pretty big shoes to fill, you know. She can kind of do



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Maryville junior guard Anastyn Pettlon goes up for a floater during the Spoofhounds’ 51-50 win over East Buchanan Jan. 18 at the Hound Pound. Pettlon finished with a game-high 24 points against the Bulldogs.

everything,” Dumke said. “Nobody can really defend the post like she can. She works to make me better, and the nerves kind of go away the more we start to play. I’m just happy that I get the chance when she’s down, and I can help her out a little bit.”

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Maryville junior guard Anastyn Pettlon had a game-high 24 points

Kelsey, an East Buchanan forward, was one of Maryville’s biggest issues to deal with from the opponent’s bench. Her 25-point performance was a large reason why the game was tied at 39 heading into the fourth quarter.

“We knew it was going to be a battle because East Buchanan is a well-coached team,” Maryville first-year coach Kelly Obley said. “This win was so important for the girls. (East Buch) had a really good

with one quarter remaining.

Unfortunately for Northwest, the lead did not last long into the fourth quarter.

For the next two minutes and 27 seconds, the Ichabods went on a 9-0 run to put themselves up 7.

Washburn’s run ultimately kept the Ichabods in front for the rest of the game.

The loss for the Bearcats (11-5) marks their third consecutive loss following defeats from No. 16 Nebraska-Kearney and No. 2 Fort Hays State.

91 after halftime, which shows they can play at a high level.

There’s still plenty to be happy about as a Bearcat fan. They’ve won 11 games for just the second time in nine seasons, surpassed last season’s win total in just the team’s first 11 games, are six games above .500, sit at seventh in the MIAA, have wins against two teams above them in the conference standings, and

player in Kelsey. I mean, this is the second game in a row we’ve had a bank 3 go in during the last, like, nine seconds of the game.”

During Maryville’s three-game losing streak, two games were decided by 5 points or less and one came in overtime. In each of the games, Obley pointed out that the ‘Hounds are capable of getting the lead, but finishing games is where they struggle. She wants the girls to learn from the streak and grow as the season continues. The victory against East Buchanan is a step in the right direction.

With 12 of the 14 girls on the roster being underclassmen, experience is something of a rarity on the team. Obley looks to the leadership of Vierthaler and Pettlon to keep the team motivated to build a new winning streak.

“Rylee and Anastyn bring such a great dynamic of competitiveness,” Obley said. “So, while our record isn’t necessarily where we might want it, it’s just important that we continue to see the process and come to practice every day and work hard. If we continue to do that, the wins will come.”

The Bearcats will have a chance to end their losing streak when they travel to play MIAA foe Central Oklahoma (11-6) Jan. 20 in Edmond, Oklahoma.

“They’re one of the most talented teams in the league,” Meyer said of the Bronchos. “It definitely doesn’t get any easier for us, but we knew this was gonna be a tough road trip. As a program still trying to grow, we have to make sure we come ready to play, because if you don’t come ready, it’s just too tough of a league.”

have a chance to increase that number against Central Oklahoma Jan. 20.

Northwest is going through a rough patch right now. But the season is far from over, and the Bearcats have already shown they can compete with any other team they step onto the court with.

After all, it’s only January. Don’t press panic until at least March, when the real madness sets in.

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**Top:** Northwest men's basketball sophomore forward Wes Dreamer shoots a 3-pointer during the No. 2 Bearcats' 71-63 win over MIAA foe Washburn Jan. 17 in Topeka, Kansas. Dreamer had 18 points and a game-high nine rebounds.  
**Bottom:** Northwest men's basketball junior guard Trevor Hudgins (12) drives past a defender during the No. 2 Bearcats' 71-63 win over MIAA foe Washburn Jan. 17 in Topeka, Kansas. Hudgins finished with a game-high 26 points.

## No. 2 'Cats fend off MIAA foe Washburn to start trip

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**T**OPEKA, Kan. — A lot happened between Northwest men's basketball beating MIAA foe Washburn to clinch an eighth straight regular-season conference title Feb. 20 and the Bearcats' latest two-hour trek from Maryville to northeastern Kansas. The two programs traded wins and losses, including the Ichabods besting the Bearcats in the title game of the MIAA Tournament before Northwest ended Washburn's season with

a 41-point win in the second round of the Division II Central Region Tournament. Oh, and the 'Cats won their third national title in five years, too. But regardless of how much has happened since then, seemingly nothing has changed. The No. 2 Bearcats marched into Lee Arena roughly 11 months ago and left with a win, and they did the same thing with a 71-63 triumph over the Ichabods Monday evening. "I mean, playing at Washburn is hard," Northwest junior guard Trevor Hudgins said in the aftermath of the 8-point win. "Credit

to our coaches for scouting them and having everything down for us. (The game) was anticipated, and we've still got that bad taste in our mouth from last year. We just competed today." "They're really well-coached, a really good basketball team," Northwest coach Ben McCollum said of the Ichabods. "We knew we had to somehow control the game a little bit. I thought we were able to dictate a little bit of the game and make enough shots to be able to come away with a win."

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It isn't time  
to panic over  
the women's  
three-game  
losing streak



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While the 58-52 loss to Washburn Jan. 17 might leave a bad taste in a lot of Bearcat fans' mouths, especially considering it is the third loss in a row, there is no need to press the panic button on Northwest women's basketball. Yes, the Bearcats lost to a team with a record below .500 on the season. Yes, they were 18-for-55 (32.7%) from the field. But let's look at this closer. Washburn went 0-2 against Missouri Southern (10-5) and Pitt State (11-5) and lost by an average margin of 16 points in those games. On the other hand, Northwest has already beaten Missouri Southern and Pitt State. Anyone can beat anyone in the MIAA, regardless of records. Not to mention, Washburn has the league's second-best scoring defense and limits opposing offenses to the league's fifth-best clip of 38.5% from the field. The Ichabods are no pushovers. Neither are the Bearcats, even after the loss. The loss to Washburn was a mere two days after Northwest took No. 16 Nebraska-Kearney to the final minute of the game before the Lopers were able to pull away, and it was just five days after Northwest lost by 3 points to No. 2 Fort Hays State. Of course, one must also not just wear rose-colored glasses when it comes to the Bearcats. One of the more glaring things they need to improve on is the slow starts as of late. The Bearcats have led a mere two times in the first half of the game in the team's past three games, and both times were when they scored the first baskets of the game. Northwest has shot a compiled 26-for-68 (38.2%) through the first half in the last three games, and not many games are won at that efficiency. In addition to the shooting struggles, the first quarter has been the Achilles' heel for taking care of the ball for the Bearcats, with a combined 15 turnovers in the first quarter of the team's three-game losing streak.

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## Northwest drops third straight in road loss to Washburn

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**T**OPEKA, Kan. — There were a mere 22 seconds left on the clock in Lee Arena as Northwest women's basketball faced a 3-point deficit against MIAA foe Washburn following a pair of made free throws from Ichabods senior guard Nuria Barrientos. Northwest fourth-year coach Austin Meyer used one of his three remaining timeouts to give his team a chance to discuss what to do next in the hope of cutting into the Ichabods' 55-52 lead. "Coach Meyer was just telling our team, 'We got to keep controlling what we can control, and that starts with communicating on offense and defense,'" Northwest freshman guard Peyton Kelderman said. That's when Northwest freshman guard Molly Hartnett received the inbounds pass and

dribbled to the left wing, where she scanned the floor. A ball screen was set up on the right side of the paint, and Hartnett drove past it and down to the basket. With the option to shoot it herself or pass it back out to Kelderman for a shot from beyond the arc, Hartnett elected for the former. Instead of the ball traveling through the basket to make it a 1-point game, the shot missed its mark, leaving the 'Cats in a hopeless situation. "We got to a pretty good spot and just weren't able to finish," Meyer said. "But, there was still enough time in the game that we didn't necessarily need a three, but just kind of like the entire night, we struggled to finish." A trio of successful free throws later from Washburn all but sealed the game, as the Bearcats lost to the Ichabods 58-52. Despite the result, the Bearcats (11-5, 6-4 MIAA) put

in a lot of work throughout the game to make it a 3-point deficit in the closing moments. The Ichabods held a 20-9 lead over the Bearcats with seven minutes left in the second quarter. Washburn went on a 20-5 run from seven minutes left in the first quarter to the aforementioned time in the second. Part of Washburn's success came from another slow start for Northwest. In the first quarter, the visiting squad committed five turnovers, just two days after committing six in the first 10 minutes of action against No. 16 Nebraska-Kearney. "Just felt like we weren't really aggressive," Meyer said. "I thought we passed up shots, we didn't make very good reads, and we just didn't make very good decisions."

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**JON WALKER** | NW MISSOURIAN  
Northwest women's basketball sophomore forward Paityn Rau fights through contact for a layup during the Bearcats' 58-52 loss to MIAA foe Washburn Jan. 17 at Lee Arena in Topeka, Kansas. Rau finished with three rebounds.



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